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FOR ASSEMBLING AN INSULATING GLAZING UNIT

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AMENDMENT "B"

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2002, the Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the following amendments.

In the claims:

1. (Twice amended) A method for fabricating an insulating glazing unit comprising the steps of:

providing a first glazing sheet having a first perimeter;

connecting a spacer to the first glazing sheet at a location spaced inwardly from the first perimeter;

providing a second glazing sheet having a second perimeter;

connecting the second glazing sheet to the spacer such that the spacer is disposed at a location inward from the second perimeter whereby an outwardly-facing channel is formed between the glazing sheets and the spacer and an insulating chamber is formed inward of the spacer between the glazing sheets;

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